

RESOLUTION NUMBER 207
MICHAEL LOMBARDO

***WHEREAS*, Michael Lombardo who was born in Campobello di Mazara, Sicily to Antonino and Epiphania Lombardo immigrated to the United States in 1968; and**

***WHEREAS*, Michael Lombardo apprenticed for three years at Guamotta Grapes and Vine Machines in Sicily where he developed a love for mechanical work and the ability to troubleshoot and fix almost anything with moving parts; and**

***WHEREAS*, Michael Lombardo learned radio communications and radio transmission skills while in military service in Italy; and**

***WHEREAS*, after he settled in St. Louis he married the former Giuseppina Maniaci and they have two children, Silvia and Isabella; and**

***WHEREAS*, Michael Lombardo utilized the communication skills that he learned in the military to start The Italian Hour on WGNU radio in St. Louis; and**

***WHEREAS*, Michael Lombardo has continued to be active in the Italian American community of St. Louis, and**

***WHEREAS*, the Republic of Italy has bestowed the title of Cavaliere on Michael Lombardo; and**

***WHEREAS*, the St. Louis Metro Chapter of UNICO National and the Honorary Vice Consul of the Republic of Italy have organized a special banquet in his honor at G. P. Agostino's Restaurant.**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, meeting in regular session, that we recognize and congratulate Michael Lombardo for his accomplishments as Honorary Vice Consul of the Republic of Italy and the City of St. Louis, and we further direct the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of this proceeding and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 26th day of October, 2007 by:

Honorable Stephen Gregali, Alderman, 14th Ward

Adopted this 26th day of October, 2007 as attested by:

Denise Watson-Wesley Coleman
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

Whereas, Michael Lombardo immigrated to St. Louis from Campobello di Mazara, Sicily in 1968, and

Whereas, since his arrival in the United States, Michael Lombardo has been active in the Italian American community of St. Louis, and

Whereas, Michael Lombardo produced and produced the Italian Hour on WGNU radio for over 25 years. This program brought Italian music and news to thousands of Italian immigrants in St. Louis, and

Whereas, Michael Lombardo is a member of the St. Louis Metro Chapter of UNICO National, the Italian Club of St. Louis, and the Misericordia Society and was elected to serve on the board of the *Comites*, of the Italian Republic Consular District from Chicago, and

Whereas, Michael Lombardo is a member of the Sicilian Cultural Association of St. Louis and has served as its President, and

Whereas, Michael Lombardo married the former Giuseppina Maniaci and they have two daughters, Silvia and Isabella, and

Whereas, for his many contributions to the Italian community the Republic of Italy has elected to bestow on Michael Lombardo the title of *Cavaliere al Merito della Repubblica Italiana*, and

Whereas, the St. Louis Metro Chapter of UNICO National and the Honorary Vice Consul of the Republic of Italy have organized as special dinner in his honor at G. P. Agostino's restaurant, and

Now therefore

Sunday, November 4, 2007

Michael Lombardo Day.